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CAPILLARY ELECTROPHORESIS DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

This is a preliminary amendment of a divisional application filed under 37 CFR 1.60, of pending application serial no. **09/152,590** filed September 14, 1998 titled:

**SAMPLE HANDLING SYSTEM FOR A MULTI-CHANNL CAPILLARY  
ELECTROPHORESIS DEVICE**

Prior to examination of this divisional application, applicants respectfully request that the examiner enter the following amendments.

**I. AMENDMENTS**

Please enter the following amendments into the claims of the above-identified patent application. No new matter has been added to the application.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-13.

Please amend claim 14 as follows: